

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Expedited Procedure

In re application of: Emmert-Buck *et al.*

Application No. 10/535,521

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING
MULTIPLE SIMULTANEOUS MANIPULATIONS OF
BIOMOLECULES IN A TWO-DIMENSIONAL ARRAY

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

This document accompanies an RCE and is submitted in response to the Final Office action dated October 16, 2008. A three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before January 16, 2009. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time, and submit the required fee herewith, making this response due on or before **February 17, 2009** (February 16th being a Federal holiday).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5 and end with a brief Conclusion on page 7.